

Newsletter

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27th Annual General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup Set for September 28



Volunteers scour the beach in Corpus Christi.

s we say goodbye to another Texas summer, the Texas General Land Office staff is excitedly preparing for the annual Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup.

Now in its 27th year, the fall cleanup is a fun and easy way to keep our coast and marine life safe, healthy and beautiful.

That's why Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is encouraging Texans of all ages to join the effort that has removed more than 17 million

pounds of litter from the Gulf Coast.

Volunteers may register at check-in sites between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013 (The St. Jo Island and I-45 Estuarial Corridor sites are full). Most of the 29 sites will provide cold drinks, hot food and fun activities immediately following the cleanup.

Shell Oil Company is the lead sponsor for the 27th Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Fall Cleanup—one of the most successful all-volunteer efforts in the nation. Other sponsors include HNTB, Apache Corporation, Cameron International Corporation, Cheniere Energy, Flint Hills Resources, Halliburton, Schlumberger and the Ocean Conservancy.

Lastly, don't forget to upload your cleanup pictures on Facebook and make sure to tag our page, Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program.



Shell employees and their families were out in force for last fall's cleanup.

Don't Forget

Pick a site and come out Saturday, September 28.

Wear sunscreen, shoes, sunglasses and a hat.

Bring plenty of drinking water and mosquito repellent.

Check in by 9 a.m.

Do not disturb the habitat of nesting shorebirds.

For your safety, stay off the dunes.

Check our website for a list of hotels along the coast that offer special rates for Adopt-A-Beach volunteers. Don't pick up hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, condoms, animal carcasses, or other unidentified, questionable objects.

We'll clean rain or shine!



Volunteers Pick Up 87 Tons of Trash at the Spring Cleanup

The Texas General Land Office is grateful to everyone who participated in the 27th Annual Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup.

Despite the frigid north wind, close to 6,000 Texans descended upon 28 of our beaches and removed more than 87 tons of trash. Hundreds of trash bags were filled with common beach trash, such as cigarette butts, beer cans and other litter. However, it was the unusual items found that emphasized the importance of taking care of our coast. Potentially dangerous items such as diving gear, a plastic turkey, a bottle of sulfuric acid, hair extensions, a burned mattress and a syringe exposed volunteers to the carelessness shown by some beachgoers.

"Trash on Texas beaches kills fish, birds and tourism potential," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said after helping the cleanup efforts at Surfside Beach. "The nearly 6,000 volunteers who showed up and got to work today to do something about it make



Commissioner Patterson and members of the Surfrider Foundation teamed up to clean the beach at Surfside.

me proud to be a Texan."

Our next coastwide cleanup is quickly approaching and will take place on September 28th. For more information, please visit www.texasadoptabeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX-COAST.

Volunteer Spotlight: Eastfield College, Dallas

For the past 19 years, these dedicated beach goers have recruited student volunteers to participate in the annual fall and spring Adopt-A-Beach cleanups. Led by Professor Jeff Hughes, they make the six-hour drive to St. Jo Island in Port Aransas to demonstrate their support for Texas beaches. Their determination to help our coast and commitment to the Adopt-A-Beach program has made them an invaluable resource and we are grateful for their continued presence and support.



Eastfield College volunteers return to Port Aransas.

Support the Texas Coast



Show your support for the Texas coast all year long by purchasing the official

Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach specialty license plate. For every plate sale, the Adopt-A-Beach program receives a direct benefit that will help the program continue to grow, reduce litter on Texas beaches, and provide coastal environmental education to our youth.

The plate costs \$30 in addition to regular vehicle fees, with \$22 earmarked for the Texas coastline. Personalized plates are also available for an extra \$40. In addition, the cost of purchasing the plate is considered a tax-deductible donation from you.

Visit texasonline.com or your local county tax office to order your plate today.

You can also make a direct tax-deductible donation online at texasadoptabeach.org, with sponsorship levels ranging from \$25 to \$25,000 for individuals or corporations.

For more information

texasadoptabeach.org or 1.877.TXCOAST





Escalante Joins Adopt-A-Beach Staff



Haydee Escalante.

lease join us in welcoming the newest member of our Adopt-A-Beach family, Haydee Escalante, who was brought onboard as a Marketing Specialist and to help AAB Coordinator Renee Tuggle.

Escalante previously worked at the State Capitol in Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.'s office. She assisted with coordinating community events, represented Senator Lucio at public gatherings, and tracked, monitored and carried assigned bills through various legislative committees.

Prior to serving at the Capitol, Escalante worked at a publishing company developing marketing strategies and conducting Webinar tutorials for clients.

You can reach her directly at 512-936-0719 or haydee.escalante@glo.texas.gov.

Art Contest Grand Prize Winner Announced

And it's a wrap! One lucky fifth-grade class is heading to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels thanks to classmate Nia-Isabella Garza, grand prize winner of the Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest.

Over 3,000 students from across the state submitted their interpretation of the Adopt-A-Beach message; however, it was Garza's vision of a clean, serene beach that caught the eye of Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

"This peaceful beach scene beautifully carries the Adopt-A-Beach message that 'Trashing Texas Beaches isn't cool," Patterson said. "Twice a year, youths

just like the one in this watercolor learn a real-world lesson about the impact of litter on our beaches through the Adopt-A-Beach cleanups."

Garza's winning work of art, along with 39 runners-up, will appear in the 2014 Adopt-A-Beach calendar.



Nia-Isabella Garza was the 2013 Grand Prize winner.

Congratulations to the 2013 Children's Art Contest Winners!

Grade 6

Malika Zahrooni San Antonio

> Marissa Kapp Houston

> > Megan Do
> > Orange

Katherine Chapman Kilgore

Jordon Geelhoed
San Antonio

Nathaly Sainz

Kaela Smith

Jennifer FernandezThe Woodlands

Emma Valdez San Antonio

Christopher Webb Brazoria

Grade 5

Yulisa Melendez

Anna Heausler
Houston

Valerie Alvarenga Houston

Nia-Isabella Garza

Kerthi BhodaSpring

Rachel Ward

Caroline Spence
Richardson

Carly Petru

Jarely Mendez Houston

Alison Duncan
Portland

Grades 3 & 4

Cho Young Park
Corpus Christi

Anna Valenzuela Victoria

Hyekyeong LeeCorpus Christi

Daniel CamposSan Antonio

Kerigan Baumgartner Victoria

> **Bella Pupi** Nurserv

Cynthia Renteria
Corpus Christi

Ezra Suk Houston

Jessica Liu Houston

Isaiah Gomez
Driscoll

Grades K, 1 & 2

Mia Mabray

Carter Kickendahl

Rubi Escobedo

Elle Gorman
San Antonio

Maya Gonzalez Houston

Eve Brogger

Israel Gonzalez
Houston

Lindsey London Kingsville

Deyanira GarzaHouston

Megan Miori Victoria





Welcome to the Program!

Please welcome the newest Adopt-A-Beach site coordinators – Kendall Barrow, Sea Rim State Park; Clarissa Flores, Mustang Island State Park; Rosanna Gossett, North Corpus Christi Beach at

the Texas State Aquarium; and Cindy Escobedo and Blanca Macias, South Padre Island, Cameron County Parks Department. We're happy to have you on our team!

Year-to-Date Recap

The Adopt-A-Beach program through its organized cleanup efforts, the Beach Guardians and their cleanups, and all groups that have done special cleanups throughout the year have done an amaz-

ing job. So far this year, 18,420 volunteers have removed 245 tons or 478,000 pounds of trash from Texas beaches. Thank you for doing your part to keep our beaches clean.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program Thanks Our Sponsors

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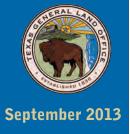


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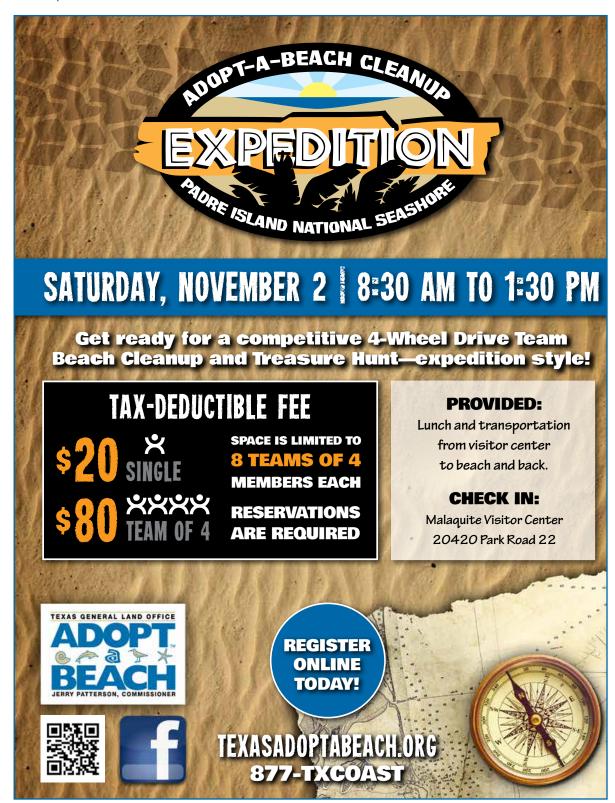


Join Us for the First Cleanup Expedition

et ready to embark on the ultimate beach cleanup challenge by competing in our upcoming Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup Expedition!

The first of its kind, this trash "treasure" hunt will allow teams to navigate the four-wheel drive terrain of Padre Island National Seashore while picking up litter and searching for basic trash items in order to receive points.

Our action packed day will begin with an educational briefing at the Malaquite Visitor Center pavilion before heading out to the beach. Prizes, lunch and transportation from the visitor center to beach and back will be provided. The event will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:30 a.m. Space is limited to eight teams of four people, so hurry and register your team today at www.texasadoptabeach.org.







Cleanup Sites and Local Coordinators

Sea Rim State Park-Jefferson County

Check-in: Park entrance, 10 miles west of Sabine Pass on Highway 87 South Contact: Ben Herman 409-971-2559 ben.herman@texasadoptabeach.org Jan Dicharry 409-920-9082 jan.dicharry@texasadoptabeach.org

McFaddin Beach—Jefferson County

Check-in: McFaddin Beach entrance 1.9 miles west of Sea Rim State Park on Hwy. 87

Contact: Kendall Barrow 409-896-5555 kendall.barrow@texasadoptabeach.org

Chambers County

Check-in: 1 mile east of the intersection of Highways 124 and 87 at the beach Contact: Lana Yawn 409-267-2644 lana.yawn@texasadoptabeach.org Patti Adams 409-267-2650 Angela Hale 409-267-2647

Horsepen Bayou-Harris County

Check-in: Clear Lake High School, 2929 Bay Area Blvd.

Contact: Andrew Schaafs 832-818-1381 andrew.schaafs@texasadoptabeach.org Bob Rodbumrung 281-284-1900 bob.rodbumrung@texasadoptabeach.org

Bolivar Peninsula—Galveston County

Check-in: Crenshaw Elementary, 416 Hwy 87, about 7 miles from the ferry landing Contact: Janis Malitz 409-454-4756 janis.malitz@texasadoptabeach.org Suzy Broussard suzy.broussard@texasadoptabeach.org Mary Munro mary.munro@texasadoptabeach.org

Galveston Island—Galveston County

Check-in: Menard Park, 27th & Seawall Blvd.
Contact: Gary Schero or Arielle Brown

409-762-3363 gary.schero@texasadoptabeach.org

Surfside—Brazoria County

Check-in: Stahlman Park, C.R. 257 (Bluewater Highway) Contact: James Glover, Brazoria County Parks Department 979-864-1541 james.glover@texasadoptabeach.org

Quintana, Bryan Beach—Brazoria County

Check-in: Quintana Beach County Park, 5th St. Contact: Patty Brinkmeyer

979-233-1461 patty.brinkmeyer@texasadoptabeach.org

Sargent Beach, Bay City—Matagorda County

Check-in: Sargent Beach entrance Contact: Lamar Brown Tony Pustejovsky 979-244-6144 lamar.brown@texasadoptabeach.org

Matagorda Beach-Matagorda County

Check-in: Matagorda Jetty Park Contact: Peggy Stanley 979-216-6016 (cell) peggy.stanley@texasadoptabeach.org

Palacios-Matagorda County

Check-in: Marine Education Center, 102 Marine Center Drive Contact: Cynthia Garrett 979-532-0797 or 979-533-0808 (cell) cynthia.garrett@texasadoptabeach.org

Magnolia Beach/Indianola—Calhoun County

Check-in: Crabbin' Bridge Contact: Rhonda Cummins 361-552-9747 rhonda.cummins@texasadoptabeach.org

King Fisher Beach, Port O'Connor Calhoun County

Check-in: Pavilion at King Fisher Beach Contact: Debbie Gayle 361-649-3261 debbie.gayle@texasadoptabeach.org

Austwell Pier—Refugio County

Check-in: Austwell Pier Contact: Dwight Mutschler 361-286-3762 or 361-250-5484 (cell) austwellredfish@texasadoptabeach.org

Rockport—Aransas County

Check-in: Rockport Beach Park beachfront pavilion Contact: Kerry Goodall 361-729-6661 kerry.goodall@texasadoptabeach.org

Aransas Pass/Redfish Bay—Nueces

Check-in: Lighthouse Lakes Park, 4 miles east of Aransas Pass on Hwy. 361 Contact: Richard Gonzales 361-779-7351 richard.gonzales@texasadoptabeach.org

Portland—San Patricio County

Check-in: Sunset Lake Park, 201 Sunset Drive, adjacent to Highway 181 Contact: Aneita Ortiz-Cedano 361-816-1766 aneita.cedano@texasadoptabeach.org

Port Aransas—Nueces County

Check-in: Avenue G at the beach Contact: Deno Fabrie 361-749-0256 deno.fabrie@texasadoptabeach.org

Mustang Island State Park Corpus Christi—Nueces County

Check-in: Park Headquarters Parking Lot, 17047 State Highway 361 Contact: Clarissa Flores 361-749-5246 clarissa.flores@texasadoptabeach.org

Corpus Christi Beach—Nueces County

Check-in: Texas State Aquarium 2710 North Shoreline Blvd. Contact: Rosanna Gossett 361-881-1203 rosanna.gossett@texasadoptabeach.org

Cole Park (Kid's Place), Corpus Christi—Nueces County

Check-in: 1526 Ocean Drive Contact: Angela Gonzalez 361-826-3673 angela.gonzalez@texasadoptabeach.org

North Padre Island, Corpus Christi— Kleberg County

Check-in: Padre Balli Park Office, 15820 Park Rd. 22 Contact: Jim Needham—Surfrider Foundation 361-825-2708 james.needham@texasadoptabeach.org Todd Dwyer 361-853-9877 todd.dwyer@texasadoptabeach.org Gladys Choyke 361-816-1243 gladys.choyke@texasadoptabeach.org

Padre Island National Seashore Kleberg County

Check-in: Malaquite Visitor Center, 20420 Park Road 22 Contact: William "Buzz" Botts 361-949-8068 buzz.botts@texasadoptabeach.org

Baffin Bay, Loyola Beach, Riviera Kleberg County

Check-in: Kaufer-Hubert Park, FM 628 Contact: Susan Ivy 361-595-8591 susan.ivy@texasadoptabeach.org

South Padre Island Cameron County Parks—Cameron County

Check-in: Andy Bowie Park, Access Road #2, Highway 100 Contact: Blanca Macias 956-761-5494 Cindy Escobedo 956-761-3700 cindy.escobedo@texasadoptabeach.org

South Padre Island City Beaches Cameron County

Check-in: Town Beach Access #3 Gulf Blvd. between Palm & Corral Street Contact: Elaine Sanchez 972-467-7584 elaine.sanchez@texasadoptabeach.org

Boca Chica—Cameron County

Check-in: End of Highway 4 at the beach Contact: Lucy Martinez Hilliard 956-571-4522 lucym.hilliard@texasadoptabeach.org

Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup Fall 2013 Hotels

Be sure and ask for special rates for beach cleanup volunteers.

Corpus Christi

Holiday Inn Emerald Beach 361-883-5731

Radisson Beach Hotel 361-883-9700

Galveston Island

Casa del Mar Beachfront Suites 800-392-1205

Gaido's Seaside Inn 409-762-9625 The Commodore on the Beach 800-231-9921

Matagorda

Stanley-Fisher House Bed & Breakfast 979-863-2920

Port Aransas

Executive Key Condominiums on the Beach 361-749-6272

Portland

Best Western Plus North Shore Inn 361-777-3100

Rockport

The Lighthouse Inn at Aransas Bay 866-790-8439

Surfside

Ocean Village Hotel 888-531-2473





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EACH OF THESE GROUPS COMMITTED TO CLEANING UP ITS ADOPTED BEACH THREE TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Jefferson County

Sea Rim State Park
The Dicharry Family + Friends
& BCMS Science Club

McFaddin Beach
U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty
Officers Association
Golden Triangle Chapter

Galveston County

Virginia Point Peninsula Preserve Maria Luisa de Moreno Foundation

Bolivar Peninsula

Fort Travis Seashore Park to North Jetty Sierra Club, Houston Regional Group

Sandcastle Subdivision
The Whitecaps Crew

Ramada Beach The Welty Family

Rollover Pass to the East One Mile The Cypress Three

Magnolia Lane to the West One Mile Beach Busters

Highway 124 & Highway 87 intersection to the West One Mile Sirens

Boyt Road Keepin it Coastal

Galveston Island

East Beach (Big Reef)
Beachy Clean

Apffel Park/East Beach LyondellBasell

6th – 15th Streets on Seawall
The Loggerheads

7th – 14th Streets on Seawall
East Early College High School

Beachfront at Hotel Galvez
Girl Scouts of Tall Pines Hill
Service Unit

25th Street to the West One Mile on Seawall

North Shore Surf Club & Reef Ellison & Family

27th Street Area on Seawall
Twinkle

29th – 39th Streets on Seawall Greater Houston Chapter of the American Association

of Zoo Keepers

45th Street to the East One Mile
The Dillard Family

45th – 61st Streets on Seawall
Oppe Elementary

61st Street to the West One Mile Southern Spears Surf Shop, Matthew Maurins & Family & Dohman Specialties

> Dellanera RV Park Hanger Clinic

7-Mile Road to just East of Woody's Bar
Hoofprints & Memories

Sunny Beach (8 Mile Road)
Fugro Global Environmental
& Ocean Sciences

End of Sportsman Road, off of 8 Mile Road College of the Mainland Biology Club

Hershey Beach
Saving the Earth 11
and Apache Corporation

Bermuda Beach Moody Gardens

Pirates Beach
Rice Environmental Club

Pirates Beach West Apache Corporation

13-Mile Road Halliburton

Galveston Island State Park (Eastern Half) Houston MINI Motoring Society

Galveston Island State Park (Western Half) Nexen Petroleum & Pacific

Drilling Services

Jamaica Beach
I NEGLECT INC.

Terramar Beach
Bonnie English & Friends

Galveston Beach Side of San Luis Pass Shell Oil Company & The Cartagena Family

Brazoria County

Surfside Beach
Mile 0
Alpha Phi Omega
of Metropolitan Houston

Mile 3 Laura Rudek

Mile 4
Devin & Deb

Mile 5 Schlumberger

Mile 6
Schlumberger





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Brazoria County Con't.

Mile 7
Schlumberger

Mile 8

Dow Chemical Company

Mile 9

Googley Beach Lovers

Mile 10

Phillips 66 Company

Mile 11

Brazoria County Precinct 1 Commissioner Donald "Dude" Payne

Mile 12
BASF Corporation

Mile 13

Low Forty Roping & Riding Club

Mile 14

Surfrider Foundation – Upper Coast Chapter

Jetty Park

Ocean Village Hotel

Quintana Beach Mile Marker 17 P.J.A.

Matagorda County Palacios

South Bay/Tres Palacios Bay
The Garrett Family

Palacios Bay Texas Girls

Matagorda Beach One Mile of Beach at Matagorda Beach Robert P. Melson

Calhoun County

Matagorda Island Sunday Beach Ken & Cindy Haenel

Magnolia Beach
Sand Crab Nature Savers

Point Comfort

Near Causeway on East Side
of SH 35

Hope High School

San Patricio County Portland

Environmental Club

Sunset Lake Park
Aneita Ortiz-Cedano

Nueces County Aransas Pass

Redfish Bay Area /Highway 361 Causeway Aransas Pass Chapter of Texas Kayak Fisherman.Com

Port Aransas

Mile Marker 19 area
Texas Gulf Coast Recycling

Horace Caldwell Pier to South Jetties

Surfrider Foundation, Central Texas Chapter

> Horace Caldwell Pier to Sandcastle Drive Kelly Blanchette

Access Road 2 to Mustang Island State Park Texas General Land Office Employees

Fish Pass Jetties to the North
One Mile
The Expedition School

Mustang Island State Park Kites in Flight Academy

Corpus Christi

North Beach at Texas State Aquarium Tuloso-Midway High JROTC

> Burleson Beach Park Taft Student Council

Beachfront at Texas A&M University

Islander Athletics - Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

North Padre Island

From the Seawall to Bob Hall Pier
A Clean Generation

Bob Hall Pier and Padre Balli Park Area

VT-27 Lady Boomers

Whitecap South One Mile to Padre Balli Park Team Onion

Access 6
The Vann's

Mile Marker 196 at Newport Pass
The Beach Bros.

Kleberg County

Mile Markers 235 – 237 Our Playground

Padre Island National Seashore
Mile 1 of South Beach
Charlie's Place Alumni Association

Cameron County South Padre Island

Jetties to the North One Mile, Isla Blanca Park Friends of Isla Blanca Park





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Cameron County Con't.

Jetties to Dolphin Cove Surfrider Foundation South Texas Chapter

Schlitterbahn Beachfront to the North One Mile Interarchitex

City Beach Access #3
Keep South Padre Island Beautiful

City Beach Access #18
Zoë and London Buddin
& TAMIU Sigma Nu Delta

Access 2 on Highway 100 (Andy Bowie Park) Robbins Family

> Zone 1, Access 2, Andy Bowie Park HEB #383

Zone 2, Access 2, Andy Bowie Park Wal-Mart Store #413

Access 4
South Texas Mustang Club

Access 5 on Highway 100 (Edwin Atwood Park) Gutierrez Middle School NJHS Chapter

Access 6
Surfrider Foundation
South Texas Chapter







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